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2. [] discussed with [] the advance of funds by him to people who had arrived in [] without sufficient funds to take care of themselves. It is decided that there are three steps that Administration can take to overcoming this difficulty:

a. Extending the operations of the Credit Union to overseas areas.

b. Establishing a fund for such cases.

c. Proper briefing in the U. S. before people depart for overseas stations.

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[] felt that proper briefing at home was the most important of these and that no one should be sent overseas until it had been fully and finally determined at home that he was in such financial shape as to be able to go overseas. [] also stated that it was probable that [] was advancing funds without proper legal authority and that if security and operational necessity required that he advance these funds, the rules at home should be changed and regulations adjusted to make such advances legal.

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7. [] stated that at times they received directions from Washington which, in their judgement, were contrary to Agency regulations and Agency policy. They, of course, questioned such directions and then followed the directions they received. They asked where the responsibility fell if the direction was contrary to regulations

a. in the event they had questioned the directions,

b. in the event they were aware that the directions were contrary to regulations but had not questioned them,

c. in the event they "thought" the directions were contrary to regulations but had not questioned them, and

d. in the event they neither were aware, "thought", nor had questioned that the directions were contradictory to regulations.

[] submitted the following example:

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"We have received a Travel Order from Headquarters directing

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[] to the States on home leave, TDY at Washington, [] This Travel Order authorizes her to return her household goods, personal effects, and automobile at Government expense.

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"This appears to be contrary to the law as it is felt that a person is not entitled to return his automobile at Government expense when he goes back principally for home leave. However, there is no doubt but what the Travel Order specifically authorizes it and we have been advised time and time again that Travel Orders must repeat must be strictly adhered to. The question therefore arises who will be held responsible for the expenses of returning her car-if this order is found, years later, by the auditors to be contrary to either law or our regulations [] or the authorizing official signing the document. In view of Headquarters repeated warnings that Travel Orders must be respected, to be followed exactly as written, we feel it would be unfair to penalize the person who did so, particularly as he can not be aware of all the ramifications of travel regulations."

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